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FOLLOWING REPEAT MADRAS 1929 SENT ACTION NEW DELHI  
29 OCT 76.

QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IN

SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION BY ASAMERA

REF: MADRAS 1050

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, THE SEISMIC WORK OFF THE COAST OF  
TAMIL NADU HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE DATA IS NOW BEING ANALYZED  
BY ASAMERA IN CALGARY.

2. C. R. SHRIRAM, ASAMERA RESIDENT MANAGER, HAS INFORMED US  
THAT PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS ARE VERY PROMISING.  
DRILLING IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AT SITES OFF PONDICHERRY AND  
TUTICORIN IN JANUARY. ONE PLATFORM AND ONE FLOATING RIG ARE  
TO BE OBTAINED, PROBABLY FROM SINGAPORE.

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3. SHRIRAM NOTED THAT THE OIL RIG SITUATION IS A REAL

BUYER'S MARKET WITH AT LEAST 12 RIGS LYING IDLE IN SINGAPORE.  
HE EXPLAINED THAT INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES ARE CURTAILING  
THEIR DRILLING OPERATIONS IN THE FACE OF THE INCREASING  
DIFFICULTY OF NEGOTIATING PROFITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH  
HOST GOVERNMENTS.  
SCOTT

UNQUOTE.  
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